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THE COLONEL'S VALET

[Copyright, 1905, by T. C. McClure] Colonel Bennett of the native Sixth infantry, stationed in the province of Bombay, had taken a native valet because that was the fashlon, and he expected the fellow to assassinate him some day, because that was the custom of native valets. He thought the event might bappen the first year, then the second, the third, and when four years had gone by and no attempt had been made on his life he called Nizam to him one day and said:

"How is it that you have let me live on so long?"

"May the sahib colonel live for a thousand years," was the reply of the man with the impassive face who stood before him in cringing attitude.

"That's all gammon, Nizam, and you know it. Like all other Hindoos, you have a deadly hatred of the English. You wish for nothing so much as another rebellion and a chance to cut our throats. Do I not speak the truth?"

"Great and powerful are the English. and their rule is merciful and full of fustice."

"All sheer hypocrisy on your part, Nizam. You'd like to put your knife into a dozen of us today. You have now been with me four years."

"Four long and happy years, sahib colonel, and it would break my heart to have you send me away."

"More rot. There has not been a week in the four years that I have not knocked you about. I am quick tempered, and I strike first and talk afterward. I have cuffed and kicked you, and I have had you whipped, and I'm not fool enough to think you have passed it all by."

"In my heart there is nothing but love for the sahib colonel," replied the valet.

"All right, Nizam. You won't tell the truth, and I can't make you, and so we will let this subject drop. Take a pointer from me, however. When you set out to kill me make a quick job of it. If you don't I'll have you roasted over a slow fire."

Nizam went away to his room to ponder. It was true that he hungered for the colonel's death. He would have given everything but his own life to bring it about. It was true that for four years he had been ready for any opportunity and had never been without poison, but he feared the white men. They could trace the most subtle poisons, and they were always suspicious. He knew of several valets who had killed their sahibs, and each and every one had been found out and punished, no matter how sharp they were. He had often wondered if the sahib colonel suspected his feelings, and now that he knew he did he might By George, so he is, and from the

Hindoo's alarm lasted for a month, Then he began to pleck up heart again. The simplest and easiest weapon at hand was one he had never thought of, and the idea came to him like a flash one day. An hour later he was acting on it. Two days later one of the beg-

gars visiting the compound to ask for

food carried a basket. When finding himself alone with Nizam he said: "There in the basket you will find a cobra fresh from the jungle, and the alightest scratch from his fangs means death. Let him be turned loose in the sahib colonel's room, and he will do the rest. When serpents are found everywhere, who can say that you had

anything to do with this?" There were guests at the mess that night, with much drinking and speechmaking, and the colonel came in late and staggering under his load of wine. He was not so far gone, however, but that he remembered certain things, and while being put to bed he sleeplly

said: "Nizam, you liar and hypocrite, you know you'd like to murder me, but you baven't the nerve. You are a coward. You haven't the courage of a woman. I'm drunk tonight and shall sleep like a log, but I shall have no fear of you." "I shall watch over the sahib colonel as a mother over her child," replied the valet as he turned his face aside to

bide a smile. Half an hour later the basket was upset in the colonel's chamber and the hissing and angry cobra turned loose. He would find the sleeper within ten minutes and bury his fange in his flesh. Niram sat down in his own room to enjoy the sensation. In the course of an hour he would go out on the veranda and push one of the screens aside and give the cobra a chance to escape. It might he said he had been careless about the screen or they might say that the sahib colonel had blundered around after being left for the night.

There was a bright moon, and it shone full into Nizam's room. There were neither screens nor glass to keep it out. The natives of India care nelther for heat nor insects. As the valet sat crouched on his haunches, wondering and listening and smiling, something came wriggling over the sill of the window and dropped to the floor. The cobra had got out through the screen of the colonel's window, but had not made off to the jungle. For two minutes the serpent remained quiet valet. His eyes were fastened upon it and dilated in horror, but his muscles were paralyzed, and he could make no move. Nearer, nearer, and then the cobra erected itself and hissed and struck.

"Nizam, where the devil are you?" shouted the colonel next morning as he turned out of bed. "Oh, there you are, you imp of Satan! What-dead? be taken out and shot any day. The swelling I should say it was the work

of a coora. Sorry for the poor beggan that be died without getting a whack M. QUAD. at me!"

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runs of genuine French sadrines which bases its expectations of future great come into the river by the hundreds of societies, three daily and six weekly the city. telephone service, three banks carry. The mouth of the Columbia river seasons extend over a period of only good care, about 225 pounds of butter with its mild climate, offers unsur- ing deposits of about \$2,000,000, two ex- has the greatest body of timber tribuwith its mild climate, offers unsur-passed inducements to dairymen, farm-passed inducements to dairymen, farmers and small-fruit growers. While churches, labor unions representing world. small-fruit growing has not been ex. every branch of trade, two energetic. The lumbering business is the largsmall-fruit growing has not been extensively engaged in, those who have commercial organizations, two social est in the Pacific northwest; it outtensively engaged in, those who have commercial organizations, two social est in the Pacific northwest; it outtensively engaged in, those who have followed it have been most successful, clubs, admirably conducted hospital ranks in value of product any other tions, and will, within a few years, outand one enterprising grower is now miles of manufacturing sites, plenty of line. Production of wheat is a close rank the fishing interests. exported from the care of the born the largest ships may find safe harvesting two strawberry crops a fine residence and business property; second, being worth \$17,000,000 a year, Astoria wants more manufacturing understand the care of cows. harvesting two strawberry crops a list the only fresh-water seaport on the while the value of the lumber output concerns, and offers the very best in- All the Oregon coast country, especially the original in the original concerns, and offers the very best inmoorings, and its hards and its hards and its hards and its hards and selection of the country. Pacific coast; is situated at the mouth is \$18,000,000. Coal, gold and silver, ducements to capitalists. Here are to cially that near the mouth of the Coast; is situated at the mouth of the country, especially that may ever that drains an empire; has a fruit cattle and sheep, well and sheep well and sheep. modate all the shipping that all the shippin some to the northwest called a for the productive latter of the product as New York is the Atlantic port, and city and assist materially in its upthe combined shipping of the Pacine abundance, tall far below, nor bardy to coast; has a trunk-line railroad con- equal in the aggregate, the wealth de- western properties should look over the islands. The winters, however, are must soon receive from the town. Asteria situation, Sites can be secured milder and the summers dryer, therefore that commands the recognition which are many other resources railroads; is the uttermost railroads; is the uttermost railroads; is the uttermost railroads; is the uttermost railroads. inental railroads; is the uttermost railroad ex- therefore, that commands the greatest at very low prices. which will combine to bring about the tension point on the American conti-Development of the jumbering into be found opportunities for men in and other oriental ports than any other timber will not decrease but become value of the variety product exceeds big or its product exceeds big or its product exceeds by the control of the variety product exceeds big or its product exceeds by the control of the variety product exceeds by the variety product exceeds b Development of the lumbering in the column adjoining the Column and other capitalists, small and other oriental ports than any other timber will not decrease, but become value of the yearly product exceeds bin or its branches, and overflowed by the bin or its branches, and overflowed by There are 75,000,000,000 feet of tibmer investors, farmer, dairymen, fruit. Pacific coast port; is 160 miles nearer greater with every year. There are 75,000,000,000 feet of the forests near the city, grower and laborer. This new country, the Cape Nome mining country than standing in the forests near the city, grower and laborer. This new country, any other port on the Pacific coast; is tary to Astoria are, in order of qual- aggregate \$2,059,600. atanding in the lorent tree of the fortunes await the energetic, any other port on the Pacific coast; is tary to Astoria are, in order of qual- aggregate \$2,059,600. This vast times and the lity; Douglas fir, commercially known

It is the only place where the royal cherry, willow, etc.

Astoria's School System.

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The Lumbering Industry.

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board measure. Mills and Manufacturing.

Salmon Industry.

snough to keep in steady operation of the steam world; is the center of one of the as Oregon pine; hemiock, spruce and Astoria owes its existence largely to dredges, the great salmon industry of which it and more as the great salmon industry of which it is the great greatest posible dairy industries that cedar. There are also soft, or birds the great salmon industry of which it and more substantial dikes erected. One eye, maple, vine maple, aider, wild is the center. Year after year the Co- acre of tideland has been shown to be lumbla river has given up its wealth ample for keeping one cow the entire plants, to say nothing of the army of points. It of fish, and in the past 25 years has year. The fir is both red and yellow. It of fish, and in the past 25 years has year. There are still in Clatsop county stantial public and business buildings grows five to 14 feet in diameter, and yielded \$75,000,000, nearly all of which about the past 25 years has year. workmen that would be employed and thoroughly up-to-date. Thou- stantial public and business buildings, grows five to 14 feet in diameter, and yielded \$75,000,000, nearly all of which about 20,000 acres of tideland to be the first steps towards the angle of the first steps towards the land thoroughly up-to-date. Thou- stantial public and business buildings, grows five to 14 feet in diameter, and yielded \$75,000,000, nearly all of which about 20,000 acres of tideland to be 150 to 300 feet tail; 351 feet is said to has been placed in circulation in this diked, much of it being easily cleared have been measured on one fallen tree city. Where other crops have failed, after the diking is done. This is no Astoria's schol system is not sur- in the coast mountains. Considerable the saimon supply has maitnained its experiment, as many of the best dairy suspent exceeding 300,000 feet, are in it is the larger cities, and best of the size in th speration. The forests are only a state of the size in the west. At present there are found on the highest of the coast spect can be classed as one of Oregon's land.

The Dairying Industry.

Dairying in Clatsop county is in its supply point for fully 25,000 people. It the growth of the salmon industry large. Yet cedar is found mixed with infancy, and very few dairymen realize to engage in business. Strangers often water system, which is not equalled the other timbers, the trees seldom bewill likewise prove of great benefit to engage in business. Strangers often water system, which is not equalled the other timbers, the trees seldom be-Astoria. By means of artificial propa-remark the uniform courtesy of the in equipment by any other system in ing of greater height, although often try. The climate, coupled with the pro-The estimate of population here gation, this magnificent ousness has people and the general effort on the gation. The unit of Astorians to make matters works are operated by the municipal in this section. In general estimates of district for the climate, coupled with the propart of Astorians to make matters works are operated by the municipal in this section. In general estimates of district for production of butter and pleasant for visitors. The home-seek- government as represented by the timber production 20,000 feet to the cheese; dairymen are taking more inwith about 9000 people, but the launchsage of new enterprises, together with
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